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NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER  
GOVERNOR

March 18, 1963

Dear Professor Lederberg:

Thank you for your communication regarding the proposal in my Annual Message for a Center of Science and Technology within the State University of New York.

Our economic future as a State depends significantly upon our ability to attract new industry and to encourage the expansion and modernization of our present industries. Industrial expansion and economic growth are closely related to scientific research and development, to invention and discovery, and to new technology. All of this, in turn, depends upon higher education, particularly in the sciences, mathematics and engineering.

To encourage additional progress in this entire field, I expect shortly to appoint, together with the Trustees of the State University, a Committee of educators and scientific leaders to make a study and recommendations regarding the proposed Center of Science and Technology. As envisioned, the Center would support the existing work now being done by our fine colleges and universities, both public and private.

The proposal for the new Center is also part of a broader program which includes the establishment of a New York State Science and Technology Foundation which will make grants to universities and research organizations.

I appreciate very much having your comments and suggestions and will see that the Committee has the benefit of your views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Nelson A. Rockefeller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nelson" being more prominent.

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